

April 1, 2014

Massachusetts Superior Court

Lawrence, MA

Subject: Leonard Degnan

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Leonard Degnan. Not only did I attend two days of last week's trial but I have been a very close friend of Leonard Degnan for almost forty years. Over the past ten years especially, I have spent a lot of time with him both socially and professionally. If I could choose one individual who is the complete opposite of someone who would solicit a bribe, have corrupt intent, be involved with conspiracy, or use an official position for unlawful use, it would be Leonard Degnan. This man should not have been tried, let alone convicted, for the charges brought forth by the State of MA.

In addition to being a great friend to countless people, an honest and successful business man, and an extremely devoted family man, Leonard typically thinks of others long before he thinks of himself. Anyone in this community that knows Mr. Degnan will testify to the fact that he hides nothing. He does not have an ounce of dishonesty in him nor would he seek out any type of dishonest gains. Leonard and his wife, Carla, have raised three great children and instilled honesty and integrity in them as well. I am proud to call him one of my best friends and proud that he is an active member of our community. He was president of our high school class in North Andover and takes that position very seriously to this day. He raised his family in Lawrence and North Andover and has strong ties to both communities. He also has strong relationships in upper, middle, and lower class communities. He has served on boards, coached youth sports, and supports local organizations and charities.

Leonard Degnan helps out hundreds of neighbors, family members, former classmates, and Merrimack Valley citizens in countless ways. This is not a man that should be taken away from his community or his family. It would not be the right thing to do.

With the utmost sincerity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Crittenden", followed by a second, less legible signature.

Michael Crittenden

*cc: David John Dean*